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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NIGERIA: BRIEFING MEMO:  
DETENTION IN NIGERIA OF FRENCH CITIZEN CHRISTIAN MAAS

REF: PARIS 10654

WE SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINT BE ADDED  
TO THE PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING MEMORANDUM UNDER ITEM 6 -  
CHAD/LIBYA:

--WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FRENCH CITIZEN, MR. CHRISTIAN MAAS,  
IS BEING HELD BY CHADIAN REBELS IN NORTHEASTERN NIGERIA  
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NEAR LAKE CHAD. WE DEPLORE THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES  
OF ANY NATIONALITY AND HOPE THAT GENERAL OBASANJO  
WILL USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO FACILITATE THE RELEASE  
OF MR. MAAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COOPER

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